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From on Board His Majesty's Ship the Weymouth, *Capt.* Jumper *Commander*, July 22.

THE 19th in the Afternoon I saw a Sail to Leeward, between the Land of *Olonne* and *St. Martins* Island, and understood by a Biscaye Privateer of 6 Guns, whom I spoke with, that 'twas a French Man of War, and that there were several others cruising along the shore, between *Bell-Isle* and *Bourdeaux*; whereupon I crowded sail to Leeward to him, trimming my Sails on a Wind, tho' I went before it, that he should not discover my Square Yards, keeping my Head to him, and making a little Yaw sometimes to shew my French Ensign; He kept his Wind to me, and braced to; I saw several Fisher Boats, and to Leeward of them a Fleet of about 40 Sail standing in to the Land; another Frigat that was at Anchor under a Castel, weighed and stood off to us, and believing I could beat them both, I brought all the strength I could on one side for dispatch; The Man of War, first mentioned, coming near, suspected me, and made sail off shore, but I out sailed him, and went close under his Lee-side, my Main Yard brushing his Main Shrowds; we asked him whence he came, and told him we were from *Brest*, and he answered from *Rochesord*; I kept my French Ensign flying, to prevent his firing at my Masts, till I was near enough, then put up the English Ensign, and poured a Broad-side in him, most of the Shot went out on the other side, killed 11 Men, one Lieutenant, and wounded desperately as many more, the Captain himself being shot in the Belly; I braced my Main-Top-Sails a-back, and before half the other round was fired the French struck, being called *l'Aurore* of *Rochefort*, the King's Ship, one year old, in the nature of our Galleys, carrying 20 Guns on the Upper-Deck, none on the Lower-Deck, and 4 on the Quarter-Deck, and between Deck small Ports for Oars, and the best sailer I ever met with by a Wind; Having secured the Prize, I made ready for the other, but he tack'd about mile and half from me, and run to the Fleet before-mentioned; I then made a signal for the Prize to follow me, and we chased the Fleet, which stood in, and got into St. *Martins* before we could reach them. I took this Ship 4 Leagues S. W. from the Head-land of *Olonne*, where she had been watering two days before; The other Ship was a Frigat of 20 Guns likewise; and the Fleet I understood came from *Bourdeaux* with a Convoy of 46 Guns; I lay there 3 days after, but could see nothing, except a Row-Boat, in a Calm, who was sent to know what we were, but would not come near.

Kinsale, *Aug.* 6. On the 4th Instant arrived here His Majesty's Ship the *Weymouth* from cruising on the French Coast, and brought in two Prizes, *viz.* a French Man of War called *l'Aurore*, of 260 Tuns, carrying 20 Guns, and 120 Men, Capt. *de la Roche* Commander, which Capt. *Jumper* took the 19th of the last month near the Island of *St. Martins*, and the *Virgin* of *Martinico*, of 120 Tuns, *Francis Bomoys* Master, laden with Sugar, Indico and Cacoe, and bound to *France*, which he took the 29th past between *St. Martin's* and *Belle-Isle*.

Dublin, *Aug.* 12. On the 7th Instant Mr. Auditor General presented to the House of Commons all the Abstracts of the Poll-Tax as are returned into his Office for one Year, ending the second of *November*, 1696; and 'twas ordered that the same be Read before the House resolve it self into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Supply. Report was made from the Committee for Laws, That they had come to this Resolution, *viz.* That the Chief Judges of the *King's-Bench*, *Common-Pleas*, and *Exchequer*, be desired to lay before the House the Names of such Persons as are Commissioned by them to take Bails in the Country, pursuant to a late Act of Parliament, and also what Fees are required for such Commissions, and what Instructions are given them, which was Agreed to by the House, and the Clerk of the House was ordered to attend the Chief Judges, and acquaint them therewith. Leave was given to bring in Heads of a Bill to prevent the Illegal and undue Charging and Raising Money on the Subjects by Grand Juries. Several Papers, Abstracts and Accounts lying upon the Table were Read; The House went into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Supply, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Solicitor-General reported, That the Committee had ordered him to move the House that a Particular of the Debt due by His Majesty, and the particular Years and Times wherein the same became due; and also an Account of the Forfeitures, and the Receivers Generals Receipts and Payments each Year since *January* 1691, may be laid before the House; which the House ordered accordingly. An Account of the Debt due for clearing the Civil and Military Lists to the 30th of *January* 1697; as also an Estimate of the Arrears of the Revenue standing out at *Christmas* 1696, were laid before the House. The Commissioners of His Majesty's Revenue were ordered to lay before the House an Account of the Forfeitures since the Year 1694. The Committee of the whole House for the Supply to sit again on Monday.

The 9th, The Clerk acquainted the House, that he had attended the Chief Judges with their Order; and that they would observe the same. The Bill to prevent Protestants Intermarrying with Papists was Reported from the Committee of the whole House, without any Amendments, and agreed to, and ordered to be Ingross'd. Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented to the House a Bill for confirming several Out-lawries and Attainders, and